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Leaders Programme: Using the MPI as a policy tool

August 23–27, 2021 | Online



The Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) is an economic **research and policy centre** within the Oxford Department of International Development at the University of Oxford, co-founded in 2007 by Sabina Alkire and John Hammock. Drawing on Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen's capability approach, OPHI's purpose is to build and advance a more systematic methodological and economic framework for reducing multidimensional poverty, grounded in people's experiences and values.

The Alkire-Foster (AF) method, developed by Sabina Alkire and James Foster at OPHI, is a flexible technique for measuring multidimensional poverty, inequality, and wellbeing that goes beyond traditional one-dimensional approaches such as income. It can incorporate different dimensions and indicators to create measures adapted to specific contexts and purposes.

Poverty and wellbeing are multidimensional. Over a decade after Sabina Alkire and James Foster developed the AF method at OPHI, it has been used to develop international, national, subnational measures of poverty, wellbeing, and empowerment tailored to specific contexts and priorities. Applications include the Global Multidimensional Poverty Index, Bhutan's Gross National Happiness Index, Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index, Multidimensional Vulnerability Indices, the Business Wellbeing Index, and an increasing number of national Multidimensional Poverty Indices (MPIs) adopted by countries around the world - collated by the MPPN - among others.

Measures based on the AF method have proven to be powerful tools for governments, development agencies, the private sector, and NGOs to design and coordinate policies, allocate resources, and target beneficiaries. Such actors have found that **to reduce multidimensional poverty effectively and create wellbeing for all, it can be highly efficient to implement integrated strategies that consider the multiple and interconnected deprivations that affect people's lives.**



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With the purpose of catalysing efforts for poverty reduction and promoting human development, OPHI is expanding its scope of work to provide leaders from all sectors with hands-on experience in using the MPI and other AF-based measures to design policies and foster synergies aimed at leaving no one behind.

OPHI ExEd builds upon OPHI's trajectory as a global referent in multidimensional measurements, and the rich experience of a growing network of global champions committed to poverty reduction to inspire today's leaders while also equipping them with practical knowledge and resources to implement high-impact strategies.

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“To turn a corner on poverty, commitments at the highest levels are essential.”

Sabina Alkire, OPHI Director & Juan Manuel Santos, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and Former President of Colombia - Project Syndicate, July 29, 2020

This inaugural OPHI ExEd Programme is especially directed to senior government officials and high-level policymakers who will receive practical knowledge and direct access to the world's leading experts on multidimensional poverty reduction, to deepen their understanding of the MPI as a policy tool and many of its potential uses, as well as their guiding strategies.

Through 15 hours of interactive lectures, workshops, conversations with global leaders, and practitioners' panels, **this 5-day programme will leverage open discussions and high-level networking with fellow policymakers from around the globe.** Sessions will be guided by practical cases that require analysis and presenting solutions to real-world problems. Participants will also have the opportunity to meet with leading experts during office hours outside the programme schedule to discuss topics of mutual interest.



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"In the wake of the pandemic, we are in a moment of history when policy leadership to confront poverty is essential. The hope is that leaders can use the MPI to, against all odds, definitively turn a corner on poverty. To support them in this effort, we are glad to launch OPHI's first Leaders Programme."

- Sabina Alkire, OPHI Director

»» Learning objectives:

By the end of the programme, participants will be able to:

- Confidently interpret and communicate MPI results
- Set policy goals and lead strategies for poverty reduction
- Coordinate multisectoral teams using the MPI as a tool for:
 - Planning, targeting, and budgeting
 - Strengthening governance
 - Reporting on SDG target 1.2 and other international/national goals
 - Responding to and recovering from the pandemic and other crises
- Use the MPI as a tool to bridge technical and political efforts to accelerate poverty reduction
- Share experiences from and with high level peers across the world

»» Eligibility

OPHI ExEd Leaders Programme is **aimed at senior professionals with a strong interest in multidimensional poverty and a capacity for influencing public policy priorities** at international, national, subnational, and institutional levels. This includes decision makers in the highest levels of a ministry, secretariat, development agency, commission, or multilateral organization, in roles such as minister, deputy minister, permanent secretary, director general, secretary general, executive director, department head, or equivalent.



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The programme will be delivered in English, via Canvas and Zoom. Please see below the system requirements to run these platforms:

[Canvas system requirements](#)

[Zoom system requirements](#)

» Programme fee: £1,500

The first cohort of the programme will receive a special rate of 1,500 GBP per person that considers the context of COVID-19 and financial constraints for countries and institutions.

The programme fee covers registration and programme tuition, all academic materials, continuous support throughout the programme, and upon successful completion, a digital Certificate of Completion from OPHI and Oxford's Department of International Development.

Limited financial support will be available.

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The application deadline for the Leaders Programme 2021 is 30 June 2021. Slots are limited and applicants will be evaluated on the basis of the information provided in their application.



OPHI Executive Education focuses on the policy uses of the MPI and implementation of the measure. Those wishing to delve deeper into the technical side of measurement and learn how to construct and analyse the MPI are invited to apply for the [OPHI Summer School](#).

**For further information, please visit the Executive Education website
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